

REMARKS

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Ali Alavi for the courtesies extended in the July 18, 2005, telephone conference in which the examiner indicated that amending independent claim 29 to recite the optic and mounting surfaces reside on different sides of the carrier would render the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection moot. Claim 29 has been amended accordingly, and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action

Claim 31 and 33 are objected to for minor informalities.

Claim 29-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rycroft, et al. (US 5,365,411).

Claims 49 and 53-55 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Objection to Claims

The examiner has objected to claims 31 and 33 for minor informalities. Claims 31 and 33 have been amended herein to cure the minor informalities. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

The examiner has rejected claims 29-61 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the examiner states "[t]here is no structural relationship between an optic surface and a mounting surface in claim 29." Independent claim 29 has been amended herein as suggested by the examiner. Accordingly, this rejection of claims 29-61 should be withdrawn.

The Anticipation Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura (US 5,309,228). This rejection should be

withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Independent claim 29 has been amended herein as suggested by the examiner to recite the optic and mounting surfaces reside on first and second sides of the carrier. The examiner confirmed in a July 18, 2005, telephone conference that Nakamura does not teach or suggest optic and mounting surfaces residing on different sides of a carrier as recited in the subject claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claim 29 (and claims 30-48, 50-52, and 56-61) should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the examiner's indication that claims 49 and 53-55 would be allowable if recast in independent form to include the limitations of respective base claims and intervening claims. However, it is believed that the comments herein place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to recast the subject claims at a later date, if needed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 29-61) are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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